

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT)	
NEGOTIATED BY BELL SOUTH)	
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND)	
BTI TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.)	CASE NO. 97-308
PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 251 AND)	
252 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)	
ACT OF 1996)	

O R D E R

On October 9, 1997, the Commission approved the negotiated agreement between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and BTI Telecommunications, Inc. a/k/a Business Telecom, Inc. ("BTI") for resale of BellSouth services. On November 26, 1997, BellSouth and BTI submitted to the Commission their negotiated agreement for the interconnection of their networks, and the unbundling of specific network elements. The agreement was negotiated pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("1996 Act"), 47 U.S.C. Sections 251 and 252. Section 252(e) of the 1996 Act requires the parties to an interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation to submit the agreement for approval to the Commission.

The Commission has reviewed the agreement and finds that no portion of the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement. The Commission also finds that the implementation of this agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.


BTI must comply with all relevant Commission mandates for serving in this Commonwealth.


The Commission, having been otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS
that the negotiated agreement between BellSouth and BTI is approved.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 23rd day of January, 1998.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:


Executive Director